

Workers' Compensation Task Force  
Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2014

**Members in Attendance:** Dr. Barry Bakst, Sen. Patti Blevins, Glenn Brown, Ed Capodanno, John Casey, Jr., Victor Clark, Lt. Governor Matt Denn, N. Lee Dotson, Anthony Frabizzio, A. Richard Heffron, Samuel Lathem, John McMahon, Jr., Gene Reed, Joseph Rhoades, Dr. Bruce Rudin, Dr. Chris Schellinger, Rep. Bryon Short, Wayne Smith, Yrene Waldron, Tim Wisecarver. **DOL Staff:** John Kirk, Toni Muncey.

**Discussion Topics:**

- a. Discussion of Specific Reform Proposals from Task Force Members
  - i. Consolidate and simplify insurance carrier data oversight by combining fee schedule, treatment protocol, data review, and ratepayer advocate oversight into HCAP, and rename that committee Workers Compensation Oversight Committee. (Rich Heffron)
  - ii. Consideration of new rating bureau for insurance carriers (Bryon Short)
  - iii. Adoption of fee schedule based on multiplier of Medicare rates (Lee Dotson)
- b. Presentation on higher cost of treating injured workers (Bruce Rudin)

**Results of Votes:**

- a. Unanimously approved 1/24/14 meeting minutes
- b. Consolidate and simplify insurance carrier data oversight by combining fee schedule, treatment protocol, data review, and ratepayer advocate oversight into HCAP, and rename that committee Workers Compensation Oversight Committee.
  - a. Vote: 18 in favor, 1 abstained (Wisecarver), 4 absent (Briggs King, Clark, Gravell, Hocker)
- c. Reach out to NCCI and invite them to make a presentation to the Task Force.
  - a. Vote: 18 in favor, 1 abstained (Wisecarver), 4 absent (Briggs King, Clark, Gravell, Hocker)

**Hand-outs:**

- a. Bruce Rudin – “Delaware Workers’ Compensation Task Force March 7 2014”

- b. Lee Dotson – “Proposals for consideration at the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Workers Task Force Meeting”

**Public Comment:** None.

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